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SUBJECT: GON WELCOMES SPANISH ELECTION RESULTS

1. GON HAS EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION ABOUT THE RESULTS OF THE SPANISH ELECTIONS. MFA SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN, ADDING THAT ELECTION RESULTS WERE STEP ON ROAD TO DEMOCRACY. PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL, WHO IS STILL WIDELY REMEMBERED FOR HIS PUBLIC ANTI-SPANISH STAND IN THE FALL OF 1975, HAS COMMENTED IN THE SAME VEIN, NOTING THAT THE ELECTIONS ARE A STAGE ON THE ROAD TO FULL DEMOCRACY.

2. COMMENT: SINCE THE SHARP REACTION HERE TO THE AUTUMN 1975 EXECUTIONS IN SPAIN, GON COMMENT ON SPANISH DEVELOPMENTS HAS BEEN MUTED. IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT THE NETHERLANDS GAINED ITS INDEPENDENCE IN A FIGHT IN WHICH SPAIN WAS
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THE MAJOR ANTAGONIST. THE FACT CONTINUES TO INFLUENCE DUTCH ATTITUDES TOWARD THAT COUNTRY, AND THESE ATTITUDES WERE STRONGLY REINFORCED BY THE POSITION OF FRANCE DURING AND AFTER WORLD WAR II. IT IS THEREFORE UNLIKELY THAT THE DUTCH WILL EVER BE IN THE FOREFRONT OF THOSE WELCOMING SPAIN INTO MODERN EUROPE. KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN HIGHLY IMPRESSED BY THE

RAPID PROGRESS TOWARDS DEMOCRACY AND THERE HAS BEEN A
PERCEPTIBLE CHANGE FOR THE BETTER IN POLITICAL ATTITUDES
WITH RESPECT TO SPAIN. CURRENT REACTIONS TO SPANISH
ELECTION RESULTS REFLECT DUTCH AWARENESS THAT SPAIN IS
RAPIDLY BECOMING A RESPECTED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY OF
WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES.
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